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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on September 23, 1999. No fees are believed to be due with this Amendment and Response; however, if fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please reconsider the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please remove "NOVEL" from the title of the invention.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 15 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please amend the Claims without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof as follows: